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The city of Kingston, lying on the shores of the bay of the same name, with an estimated population of about 45,000 inhabitants, mostly colored, with wide and perfectly leveled streets, with houses surrounded by gardens and large trees, presents a most picturesque appearance and reminds one very much of an American country town.

Hygienic measures of a higher order are highly recommended and severely enforced, the law strictly punishing any disobedience in this respect.

Sewage is being established now to replace the old fashioned way of carrying off the accumulated water used for household purposes by means of gutters.

There are two public hospitals containing about 300 beds and possessing all the improvements made necessary by modern medical science. The wards are large and well ventilated, and the medical staff a most competent body of medical practitioners. The prevailing diseases at present are malarial fevers, influenza, and infantile disorders.

There were 138 deaths during the month of March, 1898, the principal causes of which were as follows: Enteric fever, 3; puerperal fever, 2; malaral fever, 4; influenza, 8; dysentery, 2; infantile diarrhea, 5; phthisis, 19; brain disease, 4; laryngitis, 1; bronchitis, 4; pneumonia, 5; heart disease, 5; kidney disease, 3; stomach and liver diseases, 11; infantile diseases, 31; violence, 2; at the public hospitals from various diseases, 29.

Respectfully,

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The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
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JAPAN.

Sanitary report from Yokohama.

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, April 2, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to report that, since the date of my last regular return, the situation here, as regards sanitary matters, remains practically unchanged.

Straggling cases of so-called cholera continue to be reported to the sanitary police, but there is little probability of the disease being genuine. The law of notification of infectious disease is stringent, and, in many cases, the lower class of medical practitioners prefer to err, if at all, on what to them is the safe side.

Incidentally I may state that the authorities of Shanghai, who are not prone to such action unless the situation seems a grave one, have declared quarantine against the ports of southern China, as plague is spreading.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

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VENEZUELA.

Smallpox at Valencia and Puerto Cabello—(Continued).

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
La Guayra, April 11, 1898.

SIR: I have to report that smallpox has appeared in Venezuela, and that a few weeks ago it first broke out in Valencia, a town between